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Megan Fox has no problem eating pizza with some giant turtles who get their names from Renaissance artists and answer to a rat. / PARAMOUNT PICTURES CORPORATION

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Mayor Michael Nutter and schools Superintendent Dr. William Hite spoke on Wednesday about the need for Harrisburg to approve a city cigarette tax to help fund Philadelphia schools. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Leaders plead for action from capitol

Center City. State Senate leaders met in City Hall to address the delayed passage of the $2 cigarette tax.

With a summer vote in Harrisburg on a new cigarette tax delayed until September, the state Senate's Democratic Appropriations Committee convened in City Hall on Wednesday to address the impacts of the delay.

"Last year was a disgrace. … This year, without these dollars, will be a disaster," said Mayor Michael Nutter, referring to the projected $83 million in revenue that a cigarette tax would guarantee.

"The delay has potentially disastrous consequences," Superintendent William Hite said, adding that he is unsure if schools can even open this fall without cigarette tax revenues.

Appropriations Chair Vincent Hughes said the Philadelphia delegation to Harrisburg all support the Philadelphia-only, $2-a-pack cigarette tax.

But House of Representatives majority leader Mike Turzai and Speaker Samuel Smith had delayed the scheduled August vote on the tax to Sept. 15, saying further discussions were needed.

"We do need to pass a tax, [but] … we should never have been here," said Rev. Dr. Alyn E. Waller, pastor of Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church and a volunteer wrestling coach at Martin Luther King High School.

"At the end of the day, the larger issue is fair, student-based funding that will not have us repeatedly coming back to discuss 'Where's the money going to come from?'"

Gov. Tom Corbett announced Wednesday that he will advance $225 million in funding to schools, but Hite said at the hearing those funds were already in the budget and do not guarantee schools can open on time.

Hite will decide by Aug. 15 whether to open schools on Sept. 8.

Visit **Metro.us** for more on Corbett's loan for the school district.

By the numbers

$81M

Needed to bring school budgets back to September 2013 levels

$83M

Projected annual cigarette tax revenue, according to the School District of Philadelphia

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Rescheduled. Hearing for Laura Araujo killer delayed to Sept. 17

A preliminary hearing for Jeremiah Jakson, charged in the slaying of 23-year-old Laura Araujo, whose body was found stuffed in a bag on a desolate Kensington street in the early morning hours of July 14, was delayed until September to give time for his public defender and prosecutors to prepare their respective cases.

Jakson was a neighbor of Araujo's and is alleged to have strangled her to death during a robbery.

Araujo's body and her belongings, which were kept in her car, were found dumped on North Third Street near Susquehanna Avenue. Homicide detectives said Jakson told them he thought Araujo had money because she had a Toyota Rav4.

His preliminary hearing is now scheduled for Sept. 17. SAM NEWHOUSE

Jeremiah Jakson is charged in the death of Laura Araujo. / PPD

Philadelphia

Hearing for elderly couple homicide adjourned

Smith and Ballard / PPD

A hearing for Justen Smith, 19, and Terry Ballard, 25, charged with murdering an elderly couple in Strawberry Mansion during a robbery, was adjourned for a lineup to take place.

Smith and Ballard were hired by 79-year-old Rufus Perry, and his 66-year-old wife, Gladys Perry, to clean their home on the 2500 block of North Spangler Street for a small fee.

Instead, they allegedly strangled the couple to death, took an envelope containing $120 and a gold chain off Rufus' neck.

Smith and Ballard's preliminary hearing is now scheduled for Aug. 12. SAM NEWHOUSE

Pennsylvania

Holocaust to be taught in public schools

Public schools in Pennsylvania were not required to include the Holocaust into its curriculum. Now, they are.

Gov. Tom Corbett on Wednesday signed into law a bill that requires schools to teach students about the Third Reich's attempt to eradicate a race of people during World War II.

Corbett, who signed the bill at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia headquarters in Center City, said, "It's sad that we even required a bill." TOMMY ROWAN

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Play on. Festival to showcase local bands

This fall, Philadelphia will become a battleground for local bands.

City Councilman David Oh will announce Thursday his plan to launch "PHL Live Center Stage," a city-wide festival to promote the city's music scene.

The event is free to register. Musicians are asked to upload a three- to five-minute video of an original piece of music to the festival's website starting Aug. 15. The actual festival will kickoff in October.

The festival will include three rounds, the second of which will hold live performances at venues across the city. Both judges and the audience will choose champions.

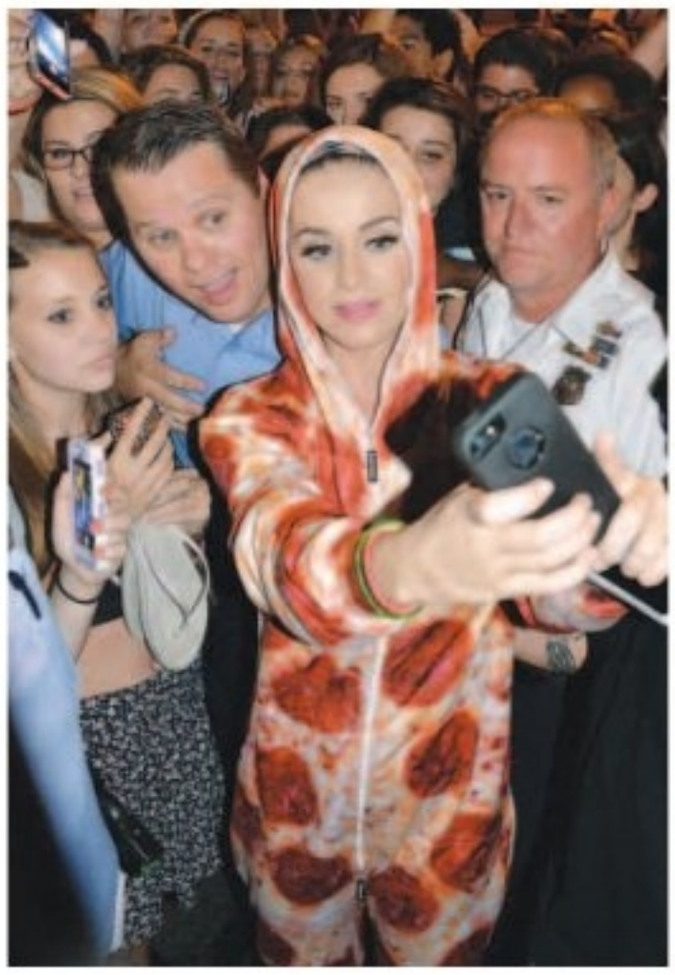
The goal, Oh said, is to showcase the city's artists.

"Philadelphia has a rich history of music and has so many talented musicians. … But there is a complaint that to be successful, you leave Philadelphia," he said. "And that's bad for our economy." **TOMMY ROWAN**

Old City

Nutter, Rendell to discuss DNC site visit

Mayor Michael Nutter and former Gov. Ed Rendell will be at Independence Beer Garden on Thursday to announce details of the Democratic National Committee's site visit to Philadelphia. Twenty DNC committee members will visit here Aug. 13 and 14 to talk about Philly's bid to host the 2016 convention. **METRO**



Katy Perry gets 'cheesy'

Singer Katy Perry made good on her promise. At her Wells Fargo show Tuesday night, Perry told fans she was going to be at the Philadelphia Museum of Art after the show. Fans say the pop star — donned in a silk, pizza-printed onesie — was dropped off at the top of the museum's steps and ran down them, "Rocky" style, and met with some fans.

COURTESY OF HUGHE DELLON

Strangled. Jogger's murderer still at large

The 46-year-old woman who was found dead Tuesday morning in Pennypack Park in Northeast Philadelphia was strangled to death, police confirmed Wednesday.

Lt. John Stanford said the death of Constance "Connie" Murray, following an autopsy, is considered a homicide.

As of press time, police have no suspects and no motive. Stanford said the autopsy results showed no signs of sexual assault.

Murray apparently set off toward the park to go jogging around 9 Monday night. Her body was found along the 3000 block of Holme Avenue by a female neighbor who was walking her dog around 6 a.m. Tuesday.

Murray's family claims the victim left her home with her cell phone and headphones, but police said those items were not found on her body. **TOMMY ROWAN**

Murray / FACEBOOK

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Anyone with information is asked to call the PPD's Homicide Unit at 215-686-3334 or 3335.

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Atlantic City

Donald Trump suing his own casinos

Donald Trump wants his name taken off two Atlantic City casinos he founded but no longer controls, saying in a lawsuit that they have become so dilapidated that they damage his brand image.

Trump says Trump Entertainment Properties, which owns and operates the Trump Taj Mahal and Trump Plaza, have let the casinos fall into "an utter state of disrepair," said a lawsuit filed Tuesday in New Jersey Superior Court.

The Plaza in particular, the lawsuit states, "has failed to meet industry standards across a wide range of categories, ranging from food and beverage services to overall cleanliness of the property."

REUTERS

Cafe gets 'Creative' with Humani-tea

Kelly Erikson serves up a "Habitat Tea" at the Creative Cafe at Replica in West Philadelphia on Wednesday. The Creative Cafe is donating half of the sales of a Habitat Tea to the nonprofit Habitat for Humanity for the entire month of August. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Relic. Penn Museum finds 6,500-year-old skeleton in its cellar

Penn Museum officials said on Tuesday its researchers have discovered an extremely rare 6,500-year-old human skeleton in its own basement where it had been in storage for 85 years.

The museum, affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania, said it had lost track of all documentation for the skeleton, which dates to roughly 4500 B.C.

But the paperwork turned up this summer, as part of a project to digitize old records from a 1922-1934 joint expedition by the British Museum and the Penn Museum to modern-day Iraq.

Researchers were able to determine that the skeleton was unearthed around 1930 as part of an excavation into the Royal Cemetery of Ur led by Sir Leonard Woolley.

Woolley's records indicated that he had shipped a skeleton over, and the team digitizing his records had uncovered pictures of the excavation, which showed the skeleton being removed from its grave.

The remains indicate they are those of a well-muscled man who died at 50 and would have stood approximately 5 feet, 10 inches tall. The museum has named him Noah.

REUTERS

By the numbers

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The number of feet below ground that Woolley's team uncovered the remains

2,500

The time period that the Royal Cemetery dates back to is estimated to be 2,500 B.C.

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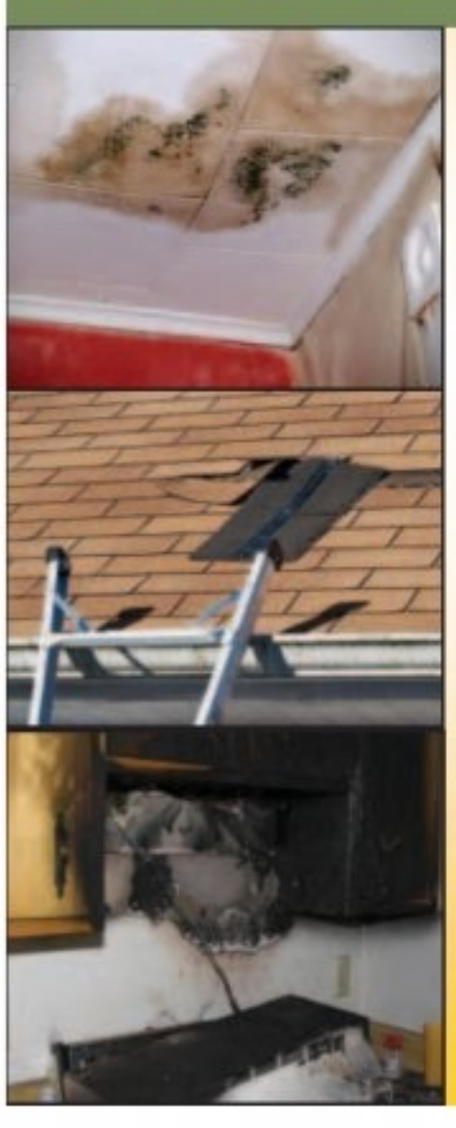
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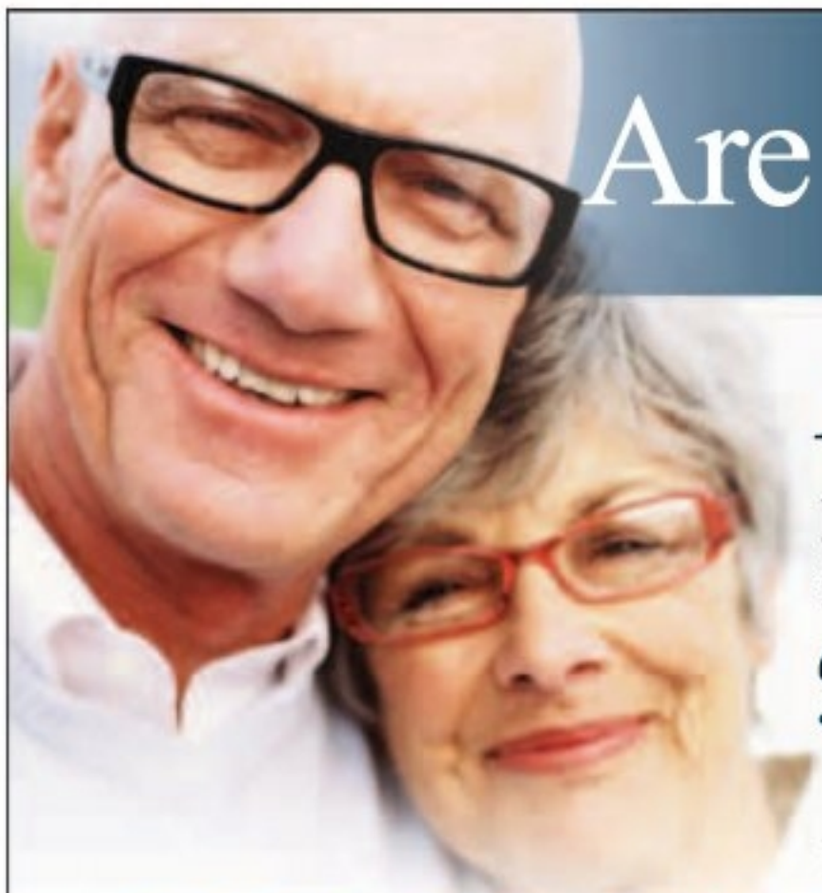

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Defense ministry

Soldier who killed US general spent three years in Afghan army

The Afghan who opened fire on a high-ranking delegation visiting a military complex in Kabul, killing U.S. Major General Harold Greene, had served in the army for three years, an Afghan defense official said on Wednesday.

In the immediate aftermath of Tuesday's attack, the Defense Ministry had described the gunman, who was also killed, as a "terrorist in army uniform," indicating its belief that he was an Islamist militant who had infiltrated the army from outside. REUTERS

GEN. GREENE /GETTY IMAGES

Troops mass as NATO fears Russia could invade Ukraine

Putin. A U.S. official said Washington was keeping a "very close eye" on Russian activity at the border.

Russia has massed around 20,000 combat-ready troops on Ukraine's border and could use the pretext of a humanitarian mission to invade, NATO said on Wednesday, its starkest warning yet that Moscow could soon mount a ground assault against its neighbor.

President Vladimir Putin announced Moscow's biggest economic response to Western sanctions, launching a tit-for-tat trade war by ordering his government to restrict imports of food from countries that have imposed sanctions on Russia.

With fighting escalating and rebels losing ground since a Malaysian airliner was shot down over separatist-held territory, Russia announced military exercises this week in the region.

Moscow could use "the pretext of a humanitarian or peace-keeping mission as an excuse to send troops into Eastern Ukraine," said NATO spokeswoman Oana Lungescu in an emailed statement. A NATO military officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Russia's buildup at the border included tanks, infantry, artillery, air defense systems, logistics troops, special forces and various aircraft.

A Russian defense ministry spokesman of the accusation: "We've been hearing this for three months already." REUTERS

Russian soldiers sit atop their tank during military exercises in southern Russia's Volgograd region, on April 3. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"We're not going to guess what's on Russia's mind, but we can see what Russia is doing on the ground — and that is of great concern. Russia has amassed around 20,000 combat-ready troops on Ukraine's eastern border."

Lungescu

Retaliation

Moscow restricting Western imports

On Wednesday, Putin ordered his government to come up with a list of agricultural products from countries that imposed sanctions on Russia that would be banned in retaliation.

Moscow has already banned Polish fruit and vegetables, Romanian beef and a handful of other products, using food safety as a justification. But Putin's order strips off that fig leaf, making clear the measures are a political response to sanctions. REUTERS

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Africa's reign of terror

Terror pays. A rapid increase in terrorist acts is being fueled by drug money and ransoms.

Though the 300-some Nigerian schoolgirls kidnapped by the Islamist terrorist group Boko Haram in April may not be aware of it, governments around the world are closely monitoring their fate. That's because while their abduction is alarming in itself, it also points to Boko Haram's growing capabilities.

"It started as a sort of sect and now it's using the same methods as al Qaeda," notes Ambassador Smail Chergui, the African Union's commissioner for peace and security. "They've also received a good number of weapons smuggled from Libya. That's a challenge the Nigerian army was not immediately prepared for."

Boko Haram's audacious acts — which include not only mass kidnappings of schoolgirls but also the killings of some 5,000 people — are only one part of Africa's growing terrorism problem. In the East, the Somalia-based Islamist group al Shabaab has recently carried out attacks in neighboring Kenya. In Algeria, the AQIM (al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb) offshoot al-Mulathamun Battalion is gaining prominence through well-executed attacks such as the 2013 raid on a gas facility. AQIM itself instills fear among local residents, government officials and expats alike through suicide bombings, kidnappings and executions.

According to a Financial Action Task Force report, Africa experienced 978 terrorist attacks in 2011, an 11.5 percent increase over 2010.

Yet, terrorism watchers report this surge in African terrorism didn't come out of nowhere.

"There's a security vacuum in places like Libya," notes Jennifer Giroux, a senior researcher at the Center for Security Studies in Zurich, who specializes in African terrorist groups. "There's also been a rise in illicit activity such as drug trafficking, smuggling and kidnap for ransom. Corrupt officials have been encouraging such activities because they financially benefit from them, thereby giving the groups space to operate and become emboldened. Over time, there has been a collusion of business interests."

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Residents of Mogadishu remove the body of female MP and former singer Sado Ali Warsame after gunmen opened fire at her car on July 23, killing her and her driver in Somalia. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

By the numbers

136

The terrorist group Boko Haram alone carried out 136 attacks, up from 31 in 2010. In 2012 Boko Haram became more dangerous still, carrying out 364 attacks that killed 1,132 people.

Quoted

"[Boko Haram] started as a sort of sect and now it's using the same methods as al Qaeda."
Chergui

Terrorist money

Turning a profit

Terrorist groups have turned kidnap for ransom into a hugely lucrative enterprise.

According to a recent investigation by The New York Times, European governments have paid al Qaeda member groups $125 million in ransom for hostages since 2008, including $66 million last year alone.

According to the Financial Action Task Force, Boko Haram and other groups also traffic arms and drugs. Indeed, West Africa has emerged as a popular station for Latin-American drugs bound for Europe.

A group of people demand the release of Nigerian girls kidnapped by Boko Haram.

Islamist terror groups in Africa and Middle East

As tensions continue to boil over in the Middle East and Africa, more and more terrorist cells are rising to prominence and carrying out an increasing number of attacks. Metro breaks down the key factions inciting tension.

ISIS

The Sunni terrorist organization has greatly expanded its power base in a short amount of time, bringing entire regions under its control. Cemented in its name is the ideological goal of ISIS, "Islamic State in Iraq and Syria." It wants to create a large-scale theocracy made up of Syria, parts of Iraq, Lebanon and large parts of Palestine and Jordan.

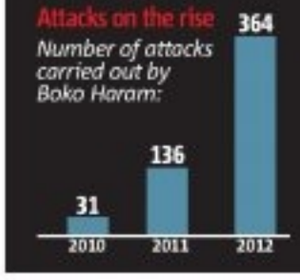
Members
10,000
Estimated 10,000 fighters in its ranks

Finances
ISIS is largely financed by private donations from the Gulf states Qatar and Saudi Arabia. Other funding sources include the oil fields in northern Syria and systematic extortion.

Boko Haram

The Islamist terrorist organization's name Boko Haram means "Western education is sin." It is mostly active in the majority Muslim north of Nigeria, and is committed to the introduction of sharia law across the country. Rampant poverty and unemployment in northern Nigeria makes it easy for Boko Haram to recruit fighters.

Attacks on the rise
Number of attacks carried out by Boko Haram:



Kidnapped
300
About 300 Nigerian schoolgirls were kidnapped by Boko Haram in April 2014.

Killed
5,000
Since 2013, an estimated 5,000 civilians were killed by Boko Haram.

Ansar al-Sharia

Ansar al-Sharia in Tunisia and Libya advocate for the implementation of strict Sharia law. The port city of Benghazi is the group's main stronghold in Libya. Smaller groups of Ansar al-Sharia are also active in a number of other countries in the Middle East and North Africa.

Oct. 20, 2011
Ansar al-Sharia started during the Libyan Civil War and rose to prominence after killing Muammar Gaddafi on Oct. 20, 2011.

Sept. 11, 2012
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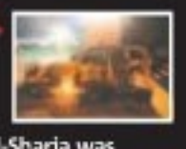

Ansar al-Sharia was blamed for the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi on Sept. 11, 2012, which killed four people including the U.S. ambassador to Libya.

Al Qaeda

Many considered al Qaeda the parent organization of global jihad. The name means "base" or "foundation." The goal of al Qaeda is to establish a theocracy which includes all Islamic countries and territories. It is a loose network of largely autonomous cells that are active in different countries. Among them is al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, which operates mostly in Algeria and northern Mali, and Al-Qaeda in Yemen, which is a jihadist stronghold. The group ISIS in Iraq split off from al Qaeda.

Finances
$125M
According to The New York Times, since 2008 European governments have paid al Qaeda member groups $125 million in ransom for hostages.

Leadership

Egyptian Ayman al-Zawahiri has headed al Qaeda since the death of Osama bin Laden.

Sept. 11, 2001
2,977
Al Qaeda was the mastermind behind the attacks Sept. 11, 2001 that killed 2,977 people in the U.S.

Hamas

Hamas, the "Islamic Resistance Movement" was founded in 1987. It is the Palestinian branch of the Muslim Brotherhood. Hamas is the second major group representing Palestinians, besides the Fatah party led by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Hamas and Fatah recently agreed to form a unity government.

Teenagers
3
June 15, 2014, Israel accused Hamas of involvement in the kidnapping and murder of three Israeli teenagers.

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Death toll

West African systems reel as toll hits 932

Health workers in West Africa appealed on Wednesday for urgent help in controlling the world's worst Ebola outbreak as the death toll climbed to 932 and Liberia shut a hospital where several staff were infected, including a Spanish priest.

The outbreak of the hemorrhagic fever has overwhelmed rudimentary health care systems and prompted the deployment of troops to quarantine the worst-hit areas in the remote border region of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. REUTERS

A biohazard sign urges caution. / GETTY IMAGES

Ebola. 'Plantibodies' derived from tobacco fight against virus

Known for calming nerves, quick-growing, inexpensive tobacco can help fight viruses as well. / GETTY IMAGES

Drugmakers' use of the tobacco plant as a fast and cheap way to produce novel biotechnology treatments is gaining global attention because of its role in an experimental Ebola therapy.

The treatment, which had been tested only in lab animals before being given to two American medical workers in Liberia, consists of proteins called monoclonal antibodies that bind to and inactivate the virus.

For decades, biotech companies have produced such antibodies by growing genetically engineered mouse cells in enormous metal bioreactors. But in the case of the new Ebola treatment ZMapp, developed by Mapp Pharmaceuticals, the antibodies were produced in tobacco plants at Kentucky Bioprocessing, a unit of tobacco giant Reynolds American.

The plant-produced monoclonals have been dubbed "plantibodies."

"Tobacco makes for a good vehicle to express the antibodies because it is inexpensive and it can produce a lot," said Erica Ollmann Saphire, a professor at The Scripps Research Institute. "It is grown in a greenhouse and you can manufacture kilograms of the materials. It is much less expensive than cell culture."

Quoted

"Tobacco makes for a good vehicle to express the antibodies because it is inexpensive and it can produce a lot." Saphire

In the standard method of genetic engineering, DNA is slipped into bacteria, and the microbes produce a protein that can be used to combat a disease.

A competing approach called molecular "pharming" uses a plant instead of bacteria. In the case of the Ebola treatment, Mapp uses the common tobacco plant, Nicotiana benthamiana. REUTERS

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OMG! The works of taxidermist Elle Kaye are good enough to eat

This girl's taxidermy isn't just for display purposes. It's for dining on, too. Former fine arts student Elle Kaye skins, stuffs and serves delicacies such as hare, pheasant, grouse, venison, wood pigeon and even roadkill to "ensure that no component gets wasted." The 22-year-old taxidermist, who now lives in London, explains why her work actually "brings new life" to edible "subjects."

Elle Kaye displays her work. / METRO WORLD NEWS

Why did you become a taxidermist?
I pursued a fine arts degree at university where I was able to incorporate my interests [in] anatomy and biology into my practice. Doing taxidermy seemed like a natural progression, and it reawakened my fascination with animals.

What's so fascinating about working with animals after death?
I am blessed to have the privilege of giving new life to animals that have passed away. I see my job as a privilege and I just want to do the animals justice.

So why do you eat stuffed animals?
I eat the meat from the animals that I work on because I strongly believe in recycling the whole animal. Rather than just using the skin, I ensure that no component gets wasted. It does not make sense to me to throw anything away and it feels natural, as a meat eater, to eat the meat (within reason) from the animals I take the skin off [of].

Which is the most delectable?
The tastiest is pigeon: I love how rich and gamey it is, and there are so many ways you can serve it that it allows for creativity in the kitchen.

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Assumptions

How do people react to your work?

People threaten to cut me up sometimes. It's because they think I am motivated by brutality, which is completely incorrect. They assume that I murder the animals myself, which is the furthest thing from what I do.

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Realtors aren't the only ones with a one-word mantra. The first three recommendations when you feel unwell outside are to drink, drink, drink. Staying well-hydrated on hot summer days, whether it's with water or sports beverages, is key.

Tip

"Avoid alcoholic, carbonated and caffeinated drinks, as these may raise your body temperature and/or contribute to dehydration by increasing fluid losses via urination."

On days when heat and humidity are high, stay indoors in an air-conditioned or shaded, fan-cooled room as much as possible. The high humidity prevents evaporation of sweat, impairing your body's ability to cool itself.

If you have a cardiac or respiratory condition such as asthma, COPD, congestive heart failure or coronary artery disease, stay cool and indoors as much as possible since underlying medical conditions may interfere with your body's normal cooling mechanisms. The heat can also exacerbate the symptoms of these illnesses.

Exercising outdoors when the temperature is above 80 degrees can be dangerous. If you just can't miss a workout, try to exercise indoors in an air-conditioned space, otherwise limit your outdoor fitness activities to the early morning or late afternoon during the cooler, shadier part of the day.

If you or someone you are with does become ill from the heat, go to the nearest emergency room or urgent care facility for cooling and evaluation by a physician as soon as possible.

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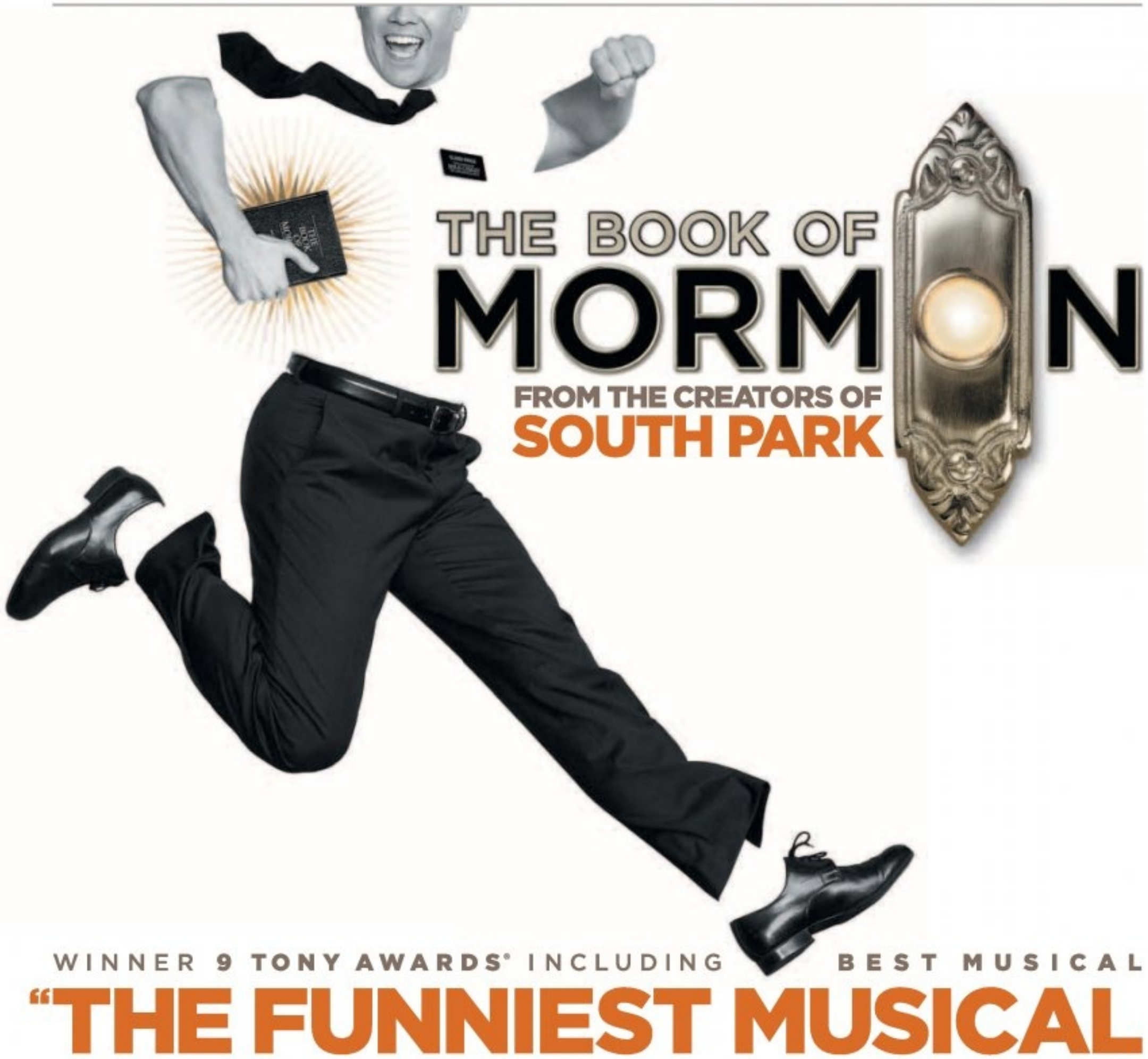

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Call it a comeback

After being catapulted to superstardom with 2007's "Transformers," Fox's star fizzled, thanks to bombs such as "Jennifer's Body." She even compared her one-time director Michael Bay to Hitler. She was then mysteriously booted from the franchise for No. 3.

But she's quietly been working her way back into good graces. She made surprisingly personable turns in "Friends with Kids" and Judd Apatow's "This Is 40," in which she, well, mostly held her own with the likes of Leslie Mann and Chris O'Dowd, all while mocking her image.

Evidently, it worked: Even Bay seems to have forgiven her, as he's the one of the producers of "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles."

In "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," Megan Fox does what she always wanted to do: talk to a giant rat. / PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Q&A
MEGAN FOX: QUOTE MACHINE

Megan Fox said she gets sensationalized by the press. Then she gives the press more meat. **NED EHRBAR**

Megan Fox has a bone to pick with the press. "I like to be open with you guys, and I like to be honest. I hate being disingenuous," she tells reporters while promoting "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," in which she plays journalist April O'Neil. "But … so much of what I say gets sensationalized. Even when I'm trying to be straightforward and honest, and my comments are innocent, inevitably they get turned into something salacious. … You guys should all behave yourselves and be nice when you report on things that I say."

Far be it from us to add to Ms. Fox's concerns, so here, in her own words, are some of the straightforward, honest and innocent things she has to say about "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles."

Like a Fox

The state of journalism:

"I'm not trying to tell you guys that you're becoming obsolete, but everyone with an iPhone is a journalist in their own way now. When you watch CNN and they're giving you news based on tweets that people are sending out, you realize that society is really changing. The collective public [has] a really big voice that they didn't previously have, and they're influencing the trajectory of how we are socially. I don't know; I'm going to start getting metaphysical with you."

What she learned about journalists by playing one:

"I realized that your job is much more tedious than maybe I realized previously. You've really got to keep track of a lot of s—."

Acting opposite CGI characters:

"When we were doing 'Transformers,' Shia and I were sort of just screaming things at the sky. We had no references at all at that point — because how can you? I mean, you're dealing with, like, 30-foot robots."

Playing scantily clad characters:

"I don't mind doing that stuff. I think that's been a part of being an actress in Hollywood since the beginning. I don't feel ashamed or like I can't be taken seriously while also wearing a tank top. And if you don't take me seriously while I'm wearing a tank top, that's your f—ing problem, not mine."

Dealing with haters online:

"Let me tell you something about those people: How much money did 'Transformers 4' make? Exactly. Those people can complain, [but] they all go to the theater as soon as the movie's coming out. They're going to love it, and if they don't love it they can f—off, and that's the end of that."

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Chris O'Dowd: Seriously funny

Brendan Gleeson and Chris O'Dowd chat in "Calvary." / FOX SEARCHLIGHT

Interview. The usually comic actor talks blending dark humor and dark drama in "Calvary."

CHRIS O'DOWD RETURNED TO IRELAND FOR THE DRAMA-COMEDY "CALVARY." GETTY IMAGES

Chris O'Dowd does comedy ("The IT Crowd," "Bridesmaids") and drama (his Tony-nominated turn in Broadway's "Of Mice and Men"). But he gets to do both in "Calvary." The latest from John Michael McDonagh ("The Guard"), it features him as a cuckolded butcher in a village whose local priest (Brendan Gleeson) receives a death threat from a mystery man who's angry about the Catholic Church's sex abuse scandal.

His initial reservations

"I remember when I learned that John Michael was going to do a film about the priesthood, I was a little wary. I had a very positive relationship with priests when I was young. I kind of presumed — erroneously, it turned out — that it was going to be a hatchet job on priests. When I read it, I was pleasantly surprised that that wasn't the case. I would consider myself an atheist — or as John would call it, 'a recovered Catholic.' I felt it was very interesting to have a priest who is a hero in a story where organized religion is often the enemy."

Doing a film with a Catholic priest at the center

"The idea that Brendan's character is somewhat ridiculed by the rest of the community was interesting. For centuries, people were made to feel small by their church. Now they've become the bullies. It's almost like that thing where you're bullied then you go home and you bully your kids, and then your kids bully somebody else."

Researching abuse by members of the Church

"I read a few cases. It's harrowing. The disappointing thing is once you start looking for that on Google, it's endless. It's one of the reasons I'm delighted the film is coming out. There are so many incredible stories — tragic and harrowing stories that have never been told. That we can do one feels good."

The dark-edged humor of brothers John Michael and Martin McDonagh

"They're cornering the market on that, the McDonaghs. They've got an incredible sense for it. It's almost like [Samuel] Beckett. The relationship between comedy and suspense is seen nowhere better at the moment than in the writing of the McDonaghs."

He always wanted to work with Brendan Gleeson

"He's a very sweet guy. He carries himself with such integrity. He's very open and very loose and always up for a joke. He has that kind of confidence where he doesn't need to portray grandeur. But once the cameras go on, he's like a colossus."

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Going home

His relationship to the setting

"We shot the film 20 minutes down the road from where I grew up. That kind of nihilism the characters feel, I could recognize. Being brutally funny and brutally brutal is not something I had to think about."

Thriller. There's a tornado and no real characters in 'Into the Storm'

'Into the Storm'

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It's been almost 20 years since "Twister," and here's another severe-weather thriller, this time with a found-footage premise. As a tornado rips through a suburban town, numerous people try to film it rather than seek safety.

The lowdown: Like a lot of found-footage films (such as "The Sacrament"), "Into the Storm" plays fast and loose with the rules. There are plenty of regular movie shots along with the usual shaky-cam footage, plus a sprawling ensemble cast, but no real characters. There are interchangeable teens and interchangeable TV documentary crew members. Only Matt Walsh ("Veep") stands out, playing a jerkish filmmaker trying to get the perfect shot of a tornado in action.

For the record, "Into the Storm" avoids a lot of "Twister"-style stupidity. No character, for instance, has a dumb backstory about a tornado killing her father. But it aims too low, cycling through pedestrian story lines, such as the workaholic father ("The Hobbit"'s Richard Armitage) who has to reconnect with his brooding son. The effects are smoothly integrated, but found footage wielded by faux-amateurs is far from the ideal way to behold terrifying weather. It's a wonder the filmmakers didn't abandon the gimmick completely.

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What this cameraman is doing in "Into the Storm" is not very smart.
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TMNT

This weekend, heroes from the '80s rise again from the sewers. In honor of their new movie, we get nostalgic and look at the evolution of Leonardo, Donatello, Raphael and Michelangelo.

EVOLUTION OF TMNT

1984
First appearance in American comic book published by Mirage Studios

1985
Comics expand
WHO: Animator Jim Lawson

1986
Production of 15 mm lead figurines
WHO: Dark Horse Miniatures

1987
"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles", first TV series
WHO: Yoshikatsu Kasai, Bill Wolf, Tony Love – directors

1987 – 1996
Heroes in food:
"Ninja Turtles Cereal"
"Ninja Turtles Pudding Pies"
WHO: Ralston Purina, Hostess, Nabisco

1989
"Fierce Turtle Ninja Legend," first video game
WHO: Konami
PLATFORM: Nintendo

1990
First film, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles"
WHO: Director Steve Barron
First concert tour "Coming Out of Their Shells"
WHO: Turtles playing music as a band
GENRE: hair metal/power rock

1991
Second film, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II: The Secret of the Ooze"
WHO: Director Michael Pressman

1993
Third film, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles III"
WHO: Director Stuart Gillard

1996
Anime, "Mutant Turtles: Chojin Densetsu Hen"
WHO: Director Shunji Oga
WHERE: Japan

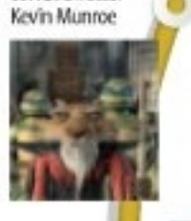
1997-1998
Second TV series, "Ninja Turtles: The Next Mutation"
WHO: Director Kevin Munroe
WHERE: USA, Canada

1998
"Leonardo," first Multi-Purpose Logistics Module for the International Space Station
WHO: NASA
USAGE: Transferring cargo to and from the ISS

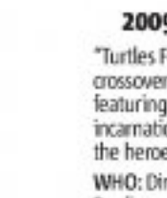
1999
"Raffaello," second Multi-Purpose Logistics Module for the International Space Station
WHO: NASA
USAGE: Transferring cargo to and from the ISS

2001
"Donatello," third Multi-Purpose Logistics Module for the International Space Station
WHO: NASA
USAGE: Transferring cargo to and from the ISS

2003
Third TV series, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles"
WHO: Producer JoEllyn Marlow
WHERE: USA



2007
Computer animated film, "TMNT"
WHO: Director Kevin Munroe



2009
"Turtles Forever," crossover film featuring three incarnations of the heroes
WHO: Director Roy Burdine and Lloyd Goldfine

2012
Fourth TV series, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles"
WHO: Prod MacGregor Middleton
WHERE: USA

2013
Last video game, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles"
WHO: Activision
PLATFORMS: Xbox 360, Wii, Nintendo 3DS

2014
Science-fiction action film "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles"
WHO: Director Jonathan Liebesman

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2014 FILM FACTS

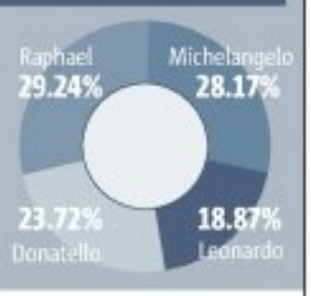
$125 million
Movie budget

110 min
duration

Ninja Turtles
original name of the film

31.4 million
the amount of views the movie's trailer picked on YouTube in its first week of release.

POPULARITY



"It was very complicated to work with Megan Fox, because it's hard to stop staring at her"
Will Arnett
Actor (Role: Vernon Fenwick)

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'Calvary' finds dark laughs amid Catholic Church sex scandal

Kelly Reilly and Brendan Gleeson gaze in "Calvary." / FOX SEARCHLIGHT

Dramedy. Brendan Gleeson plays a priest under attack in an Irish town.

John Michael McDonagh follows "The Guard" with another Irish comedy starring Brendan Gleeson. This one's more sober (but still hilarious): Gleeson plays a priest who learns that he has a week left to live — and then he'll be killed by a vengeful victim of the Catholic Church's sex abuse scandal.

The lowdown

The line between comedy and drama is usually sharply drawn. Not so in "Calvary," which blurs the line to such an extreme that it's genuinely disarming. The tone bobs and weaves, going from serious to funny on a dime. Gleeson's search for levity before his looming death proves cumbersome, in part because he's in a village of grotesques. Gleeson is not just the straight man, but the grumpy straight man who brings to each scene weary disdain and quips as good as he's given.

Despite the subject matter, the dialogue is punchy and worth jotting down. But the humor doesn't necessarily mean the film is dodging its serious subject matter. It helps complicate a film that doesn't want easy answers — that knows there's no quickie solution to the issue. It embraces complexity and chaos instead of trying to tame them. It attacks the Catholic Church without taking it down completely. And it deals with trauma while making unprintable sex jokes.

Review

'Calvary'

Director: John Michael McDonagh

Stars: Brendan Gleeson, Kelly Reilly

Rating: R

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‘What If’ vs. the rom-com

Does the new Daniel Radcliffe-Zoe Kazan film transcend or succumb to the dreaded genre?

Daniel Radcliffe and Zoe Kazan are definitely just friends (maybe) in “What If.” / CAITLIN CRONENBERG

‘What If’

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Can a rom-com even exist these days without irony? “What If” is coming out at a time when the genre isn’t respected and is often sent up, as in the recent devastating Amy Poehler-Paul Rudd parody “They Came Together.” “What If” doesn’t want to be loved only by earnest viewers; it wants everyone. How’d that go?

Rom-coms

This has a very rom-com premise: Daniel Radcliffe plays Wallace, who meets cute Zoe Kazan’s Chantry at a party. They hit it off, talk all night, and then she casually blurts out that she lives with her longtime boyfriend, Ben (Rafe Spall). The two become friends anyway — but, as in every hesitant rom-com ever, could it be more?

Something better

This isn’t “When Harry Met Sally...,” which asserts that (straight) men and women simply can’t be friends. “What If” takes its situation with enough seriousness to not torpedo the jokes. At its heart it asks, as the old Deee-Lite songs goes, what is love? At what point does chemistry go from mere camaraderie to romance? There’s a tension in the film that lasts longer than it should, and it even seems for a good stretch that the film may end with them not together.

But it’s pretty inevitable that they will get together. Spall’s character isn’t a full-on jerk, but he is dodgy. It’s hard to know what to make of him. He quietly taunts Wallace about not stealing his girl but in a creepy-jerkish way. He mostly disappears from the picture after entering it, and it’s not clear what Chantry sees in him or why he can’t just be handily dispatched.

But “What If” knows how to charm its way out of its problems. It’s funny, sharp-tongued and features a revelatory, quick-witted turn from Daniel Radcliffe, who dismantles any possibility he’ll be trapped by the film series that must not be named. Radcliffe has great chemistry with Kazan, who has never been more loose and comfortable. It uses most of the genre’s tropes but covers them in a thick grime of actual good jokes, fun performances and nuttier-than-usual token friends, chiefly Adam Driver and Mackenzie Davis.

Conclusion

The peace settlement

It winds up a draw — but is that a good thing? Sort of. “What If” doesn’t pretend to be a dissection of the genre. It takes a while for viewers to realize it’s simply slightly self-aware. It knows that the traditional rom-com is silly, yet it gives us the goods anyway. And it shouldn’t be punished for being a rom-com, especially as a mostly tolerable one. But like its central romance, “What If” is naggingly ambiguous, caught in a wishy-washy space between rom-com retread and something smarter. And amusing as it often is, its milking of a gag about the Fool’s Gold, the calorie-bursting sandwich that helped kill Elvis, is downright glutinous.

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Review

‘Mood Indigo’

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What: Film and music video director Michel Gondry goes home to France to make this extremely whimsical adaptation of Boris Vian’s whimsical 1947 novel about a playboy (Romain Duris) in love with a woman (Audrey Tautou) who is dying because she has a water lily stuck in her lung.

The lowdown: Gondry’s movie starts out almost unbearably quirky (there’s a bird DJ and a cloud car). But things get weirdly serious. The lily in Tautou’s lung is no joke, and the tone goes from freewheeling to not just sad but actively depressing.

This isn’t shocking. Gondry’s work (most notably “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind”) has always bounced between happiness and despair. Vian’s novel fits him like a glove. But “Mood” ultimately reminds one that he’s at his best when collaborating with people — Charlie Kaufman, the inhabitants of Brooklyn in “Dave Chappelle’s Block Party” — who coax him out of his shell.

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Harry Potter in love

Interview. Daniel Radcliffe and Zoe Kazan are friends in love in "What If," but just friends in real life.

"What If" is only the third Daniel Radcliffe film to be released in America since the "Harry Potter" series concluded. And it's more than that: It's his first comedy. He plays a young man in love with a friend (Zoe Kazan) who's in a relationship. In real life, the actors are good friends, too.

How well did you know each other before this?
DR: We met once three years ago. I knew her [well] enough to know this wouldn't be a horrible experience. We are weirdly similar. We laugh at the same s—.

ZK: I keep saying chemistry's just curiosity. It's very easy to be curious about Dan. I always knew something was happening. During week two I saw the producers crowing in a corner, rubbing their hands over something that had happened between us. And I knew, "Oh, we're OK."

Zoe, you've done your share of comedies, but Daniel, this is your first, apart from a guest role on 'Extras.'
DR: One of the things I love about this film is it makes you incredibly happy. It's a feel-good film without being manipulative or sentimental. Those first moments of meeting somebody are so thrilling and precious. I was really excited to be in a film that would make people happy for a change.

This isn't a mere romantic comedy, though it's that, too.
ZK: I hope people take it on its own terms. I don't think it's striving to be a great romantic comedy. I think it's striving to be a great movie.
DR: There was a review I read coming out of Toronto that pissed me off. I don't mind people reviewing things badly or having opinions, but it's when people pretend to know our thinking and criticize that. It said, "They think they're reinventing the romantic comedy." No! None of us did, you d—! We wanted to make a good film! I've never known an actor to think about genre. You're not looking at a pile of horror scripts and a pile of romantic comedy scripts and a pile of drama scripts and thinking, "Which are the best of these?" You just go, "Christ, are any of these good?"

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Daniel Radcliffe and Zoe Kazan play friends who might want more in "What If." / CAITLIN CRONENBERG

Real life

It's also pretty serious about heartbreak

DR: It's a very true-to-life situation. And it's made more true-to-life by the fact that Zoe's decision is very hard to make. Rafe Spall [who plays her boyfriend] is a great guy and handsome and successful and not at all the stereotypical boyfriend that you just have to get out of the picture. She's got a real relationship, and this other guy inadvertently screws it all up.

ZK: It's even more real in the way it's been cast. We're not Katherine Heigl and Josh Duhamel. There's a sense [the director] picked actors who are ... unconventional. There's a certain way people look and behave in romantic comedies, and I think our characters are real — even down to the costuming. We tried to dress as real people. It makes it funnier because it feels relatable.

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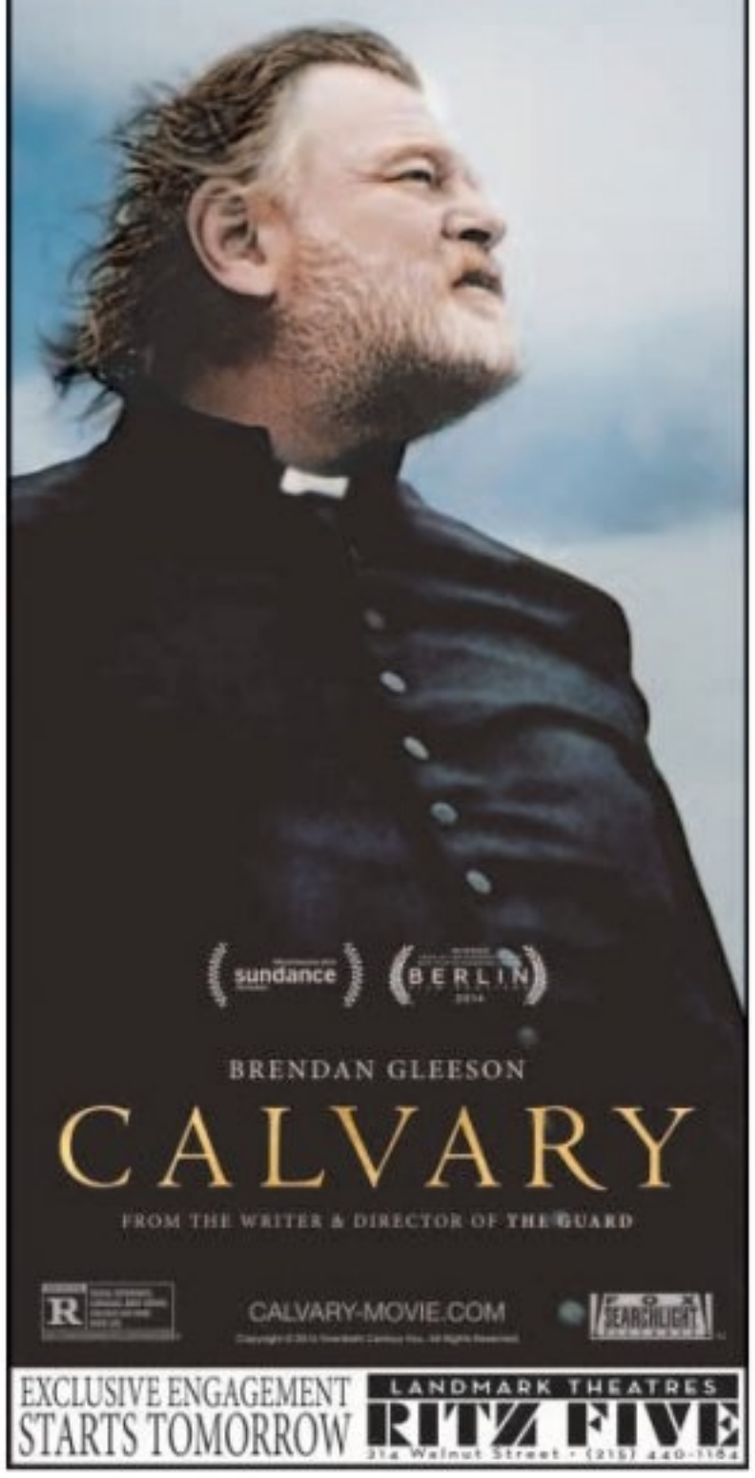
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Interview. The actor returns to TV to play a surgeon in "The Knick."

Clive Owen might have started out on television, but he hasn't appeared in a series since 1996's "Sharman" — save for a hilarious self-parodying cameo on "Extras" for Ricky Gervais. Still, Owen respects his TV roots, including his first breakout role on the British series "Chancer" in 1990.

"I did a lot of television when I was young," he says. "['Chancer'] got me going, and I had a great time with it. I did two seasons of that, and at that particular time in my career and my life, I decided that I wanted to do other things and keep things mixed and varied. I went off and did other things — theater, smaller films."

He means small films such as "Croupier," "Gosford Park" and "Children of Men" — certainly nothing to sneeze at.

Almost 25 years later, Owen is happily taking to the small screen again with "The Knick," playing Dr. John Thackery, lead surgeon in New York's Knickerbocker Hospital in the early 20th century. So what brought him back? Well, being directed by Steven Soderbergh didn't hurt.

"I've known Steven sort of, you know, for a number of years, and I'm a huge fan of his," Owen says. "But the reality is, as an actor, when you come across a piece of material that sets you alight and reminds you of why you do what you do, that's the be-all and end-all. The fact that it's 20 hours of television, all it means to me is that I'm lucky enough to be involved in something that I'm very passionate about."

Owen admits he didn't always feel that way, given the time commitment — and that was even before the 10-episode series became a 20-episode series.

"To be honest, before I started reading the script, I wasn't sure I wanted to commit to 10 hours of television playing the same part," he says. "I started to read the script to get a taste of what it might be like, and 40 minutes later there was no way I was not going to do it, because it was such a beautifully written script and such an amazingly original part. I was never not going to do it."

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In surgery

"The Knick" debuts on Cinemax on Friday at 10 p.m.
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His character

Part of the appeal was the role of Thackery himself, an ambitious, pioneering surgeon with a few substance-abuse issues bringing him down. "He's not a sort of leading character that's going to take people by the hand and lead them gently through a medical drama set in 1900," Owen says. "He's a very complex, difficult character. He's kind of redeemed by the fact that he's brilliant. He's about trying to forward the whole world of medicine."

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"Outlander" premieres Saturday on Starz at 9 p.m. / STARZ

Time-traveling love triangles

Interview. "Outlander" star Caitriona Balfe gets cold — then steamy — in old Scotland.

What would you do if you were on vacation with your husband in Scotland, and you accidentally time-traveled to the 1700s? Such is the dilemma faced by Claire Randall, a World War II-era nurse, and the heroine of Diana Gabaldon's "Outlander" books. The novels are now getting the Starz TV series treatment, with Caitriona Balfe stepping into the role of Claire. We talked to Balfe about time travel, and yes, we also asked her which guy she thinks Claire should end up with: her sweet modern husband Frank, or her sexy new beau from the past, Jamie.

Making the best of sharing a horse with someone for an entire episode

"Being on a horse with someone else is not the most comfortable thing. Sam (Heughan, who plays Jamie) and I got to know each other pretty well through that whole bit. We spent about two or three weeks on this horse together in the freezing cold and the rain, but it's all good fun. It's all part of it."

Why Claire is going to be OK living in the distant past

"A lot of battles that she faces are this kind of idea that as a woman you should know your place, and I don't think she's ever been someone who would accept that notion. ... She doesn't accept those parameters or those boundaries that people try and force her into. She constantly battles against it. She uses her medicinal experience to kind of alleviate her status in that way. She finds in Jamie someone who's very willing to open his mind and evolve and accept her as an equal partner."

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From spaceships to Highlanders

Starring role

Ronald D. Moore, best known for his modernization of "Battlestar Galactica," is behind the adaptation of "Outlander." It's a bit of a shift from science fiction, but he says he's been very lucky in his star. "She's just a trooper. She's the one on the set that lifts the spirits of the crew," Moore says of Balfe.

The big question

Which guy should Claire pick?

"Even though she loved Frank a lot, it was a love that she didn't really question. He was her first love. She met him very young. ... When she met Jamie it was this kind of other passion, this really otherworldly and metaphysical love. I guess, in terms of that, yeah, you'd go for the big passion!"

BALFE WAS CAGEY ABOUT ADMITTING WHICH GUY SHE'D PICK, SINCE SAM HEUGHAN WAS WITH HER WHEN WE SPOKE TO HER. / GETTY IMAGES

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Peekaboo

Add some allure to your summer wardrobe: Less is more with sheer.

DIANE KRUGER SHOWS US HOW TO TAKE THE LOOK TO FALL.
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You thought the crop top was your risque fashion moment of the season. But behold, another skin-baring trend is taking center stage: sheer fabrics. Before you roll your eyes at the thought of looking like one of Rihanna's sidekicks, we would like to make a case for the trend.

For the everyday gal, it's not about wearing a head-to-toe sheer look (HR wouldn't like that); it's all about pieces with airy details, which can look sleek and modern (see-through panels on blouses) or romantic and light (translucent fabrics extending the hemline of skirts). And with all this humidity, doesn't a little extra ventilation sound nice?

Plus, like the crop top, we're betting sheer items are going to carry over to next season. So if you don't have a piece in your wardrobe, start hitting the summer sale racks.

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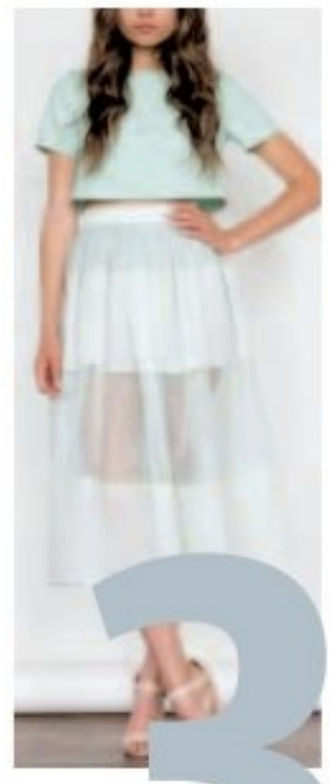

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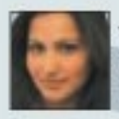

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What women really want in the bedroom, Part 1

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What a woman wants in the bedroom can be confusing for many men. Does she want candles lit for romance or candle wax dripped on her nipples? Does she want to be made love to softly with feeling, or f—ed from behind with mad passion? I asked 1,000 women what they really wanted from men in the bedroom. They got real — and they got honest.

Foreplay (and it begins outside the bedroom)

"He just starts. We walk in the bedroom, and he expects me to just flip on my back, automatically be wet and ready for him to start thrusting." **MONICA F.**

For some men, there are two types of foreplay: being touched and the anticipation of being touched. What these guys don't seem to realize is that their version of foreplay is in direct opposition to a woman's largest erogenous zone: her mind.

Seduction is an art form and requires effort. It demands focus on her. She wants to feel important. She wants to matter. She wants to feel desired.

Bottom line: A man's words and actions are the ultimate tools for effective foreplay.

Undress her, slowly

"I want to be slowly unwrapped and revealed, like a present." **DEBBIE B.**

Too often, couples get down to business. Seduction can — and should — also be slower and not rushed.

Bottom line: Anticipation and appreciation go a long way.

Up: Contrary to popular belief that men cheat more, recent studies show that the number of women who cheat is on the rise.

Down: A recent survey reveals that most men don't feel oral sex is cheating. But when asked if their partners could do the same thing, nearly all angrily replied that in that case, oral sex was cheating. Nice double standard, guys.

Sex in public

She might not want to actually have sex in public, but the thrill of being observed is a huge turn-on for many.

To the guy who thinks his girl wouldn't be like that: Yes, she would.

Let her take control

"I really like being in control. Not every time, but sometimes. And I don't want to hurt him; I just want to do things to him." **KAREN W.**

Power can be a big aphrodisiac for men and women alike. And just like their male counterparts, many women want to not be on the receiving end of control.

Bottom line: She has just as much desire as he does, and she wants the opportunity to show it.

Real-world love advice

CHARLES J. ORLANDO

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What we're into

1 *Can you get back together with an ex? Yes! You can get back together with love, listening and empathy as your guides. Just keep your eyes open so you can avoid past situations and mistakes.*

There's a reason women love this book. / GETTY IMAGES

2 *"Fifty Shades of Grey" might not have the best writing, but men should be paying attention to why women like it in the first place.*

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Experimenting with sound in Kensington

Mary Lattimore and Jeff Zeigler teamed up during the first Kensington Picnic in 2012. They've spent a lot of time playing together since. / RYAN COLLERD

If you go

Kensington Picnic

Saturday, noon to 8 p.m.
Liberty Vintage Motorcycles lot
Frankford Ave. near Susquehanna
Free
www.museumfire.com/events2

Music fest. "Local flavor" is on display at the free Kensington Picnic.

When harpist Mary Lattimore and synth player/guitarist Jeff Zeigler played at the first Kensington Picnic in 2012, the show marked one of their earliest performances as a duo. "I think Jeff and I were mainly focused on making interesting, weird sounds," Lattimore recalls. Two years later, they'll return for the day-long outdoor festival's second incarnation with much more playing and an upcoming record, "Slant of Light," under their belts.

"Lately we've been zoning in on simple melody and beauty and I think we've figured out our sound setup a little better," Lattimore says. "Jeff is … an easy person to jam with."

The Kensington Picnic was started to showcase the wealth of music in the neighborhood, says Kathryn Lipman of Mild Time, who is co-presenting the festival with Fire Museum. "Kensington Picnic happened for the first time because the neighborhood has so many terrific players and — for now — so much green space that it seemed like an obvious idea to get a lot of musicians on one stage outdoors. It's a community festival — no tickets, no doors, just local flavor."

This year's free festival is made up of artists who live in or have ties to the neighborhood, most of whom fall into the realm of experimental folk and rock. The lineup includes Strapping Fieldhands, Birds of Maya, Fursaxa, Laura Baird, Randall of Nazareth, Spacin' and Hohlraum.

Both Lattimore and Zeigler have worked extensively with a host of forward-thinking rock and experimental musicians: Lattimore has played or recorded with Arcade Fire, Kurt Vile and Sonic Youth's Thurston Moore, while Zeigler is an in-demand engineer who has recorded work by The War on Drugs and A Sunny Day in Glasgow, among others.

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Quoted

Improv

"I hadn't really experimented with my harp until I started playing with Thurston Moore's band," says Mary Lattimore, who is the daughter of a harpist and started studying the instrument at the age of 11. "My bandmates all were experienced improvisers and were really into extending parts of songs and playing in the moment, and it was fun to react to each other. Those guys were a big inspiration to get less precious with the parts I was writing and now I really love to improvise and experiment with sounds I can get out of the instrument."

Even though the Rock*A*Teens are now in their 40s, they still rock like it's 1996. / MERGE RECORDS

Quoted

"At the end of the day, if somebody gets something from a record that we've made as much as I've gotten through records throughout my life, then that's incredible."

Lopez

Reunion. Rock*A*Teens are back after a decade, better than ever

It's unfortunate when a great band receives their due respect after they call it quits. Such is the case for the Rock*A*Teens. The pride of Cabbagetown, Georgia, the emphatic and eventually influential indie rock band called it quits more than a decade ago. But thanks to Merge records, the story of the Rock*A*Teens has been reopened with at least one more chapter yet to be written. Following the reissue of "Sweet Bird of Youth" and a slot on Merge's 25th anniversary festival, the band has reunited to play a handful of dates.

From 1996 to 2001, the Rock*A*Teens released five albums and one EP. Defined by the dramatic swooning swagger of frontman Chris Lopez's lyrics and vocal stylings, the band trudged through tumultuous terrain and soared with an emotive immediacy, eventually becoming known for their electrifying live shows.

If you go

Rock*A*Teens

with Hound and Wailin' Storms
Thursday, 9 p.m.
Johnny Brenda's
1201 N. Frankford Ave.
$12
www.johnnybrendas.com

"You get older and your life just changes," says Lopez. "We weren't making a living at it, so you have to make a choice."

Recently returning to the stage to the delight of all who failed to catch them in their previous act, Lopez is enthusiastic about the experience. "Of course I had trepidation," he says with a laugh. "But in hindsight, it's good. I love it. It seems like we're even better now than we were then. I don't know, maybe we all grew as musicians."

NOLAN GAWRON

MUSIC

Bach Cello Suites No. 1 and No. 5: 'Two Masterpieces Juxtaposed'

Thursday, 8 p.m.
Curtis Institute of Music
1726 Locust St.
$30, 215-882-9974
www.sjimf.com
The concert, which opens the 2014 Sejong International Music Festival, will contrast not only two of Bach's cello suites, but also two different kinds of cello: the modern cello, played by Edward Aaron, and the baroque cello, played by James Wilson. The festival's artistic director, Hsin-Yun Huang, will hold a short discussion with the performers afterward.

ART

Jennifer Bartlett: 'In the Garden (1980-83)'

Through Sept. 27
Locks Gallery
600 Washington Sq. South
Free, 215-629-1000
www.locksgallery.com
This exhibition brings together acclaimed artist Jennifer Bartlett's complete series of paintings made from drawings she created during her stay at a villa in Nice, France, in the early '80s. We don't see, here, the traditional vision of gardens as idyllic, harmonious little worlds: Bartlett's garden is badly kept, seemingly abandoned, and it has a haunted, forsaken sort of beauty.

David Katz: 'Reaching Higher'

Friday through Sept. 7
Twenty-Two Gallery
236 S. 22nd St.
Free, 215-772-1911
www.twenty-twogallery.com
Local artist David Katz has something of a split artistic personality, sometimes working from the muted stillness of everyday life, other times exploring a surreal, psychedelic pop dreamland. On his website, he states that listening to music is essential to his process, and his goal is to have "the viewer feel the music and feel the life in each piece."

MOVIES

'The Babadook'

Friday, 11:59 p.m.
PFS Theater at the Roxy
2023 Sansom St.
$7, 267-639-9508
www.filmadelphia.org
The latest installment in the Philadelphia Film Society's "Graveyard Shift" series is this 2013 Australian horror film, in which the monstrous villain of a mysterious, creepy children's book wreaks supernatural havoc on the life of a single mother and her young son, who believes the monster is real. A few insane events later, and she's convinced, too.

COMEDY

'DTF: Darryl and Timaree Fun Hour'

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Letters

Gazans need to do their part

Re: 'Stop the bombs' (Metro, Aug. 4) As long as Palestinians place rocket launchers in, under and near schools and hospitals; as long as Palestinian mothers praise their suicide bomber children as martyrs; and as long as Palestinian children do not see an image of Israel on the maps in their classrooms and textbooks, there can be no logical and meaningful response to your letter.

TZVI BEN ASK, VIA EMAIL

Collateral damage not terrorism

Re: 'Palestinians not so innocent' (Metro, Aug. 5) Letter writer Dana Hudes does Israel an injustice by comparing its attacks on Gaza with the WW II "strategic" bombing of Dresden and Tokyo and the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. Deliberate targeting of noncombatants in order to frighten and demoralize an enemy is the very definition of terrorism. Whether resorting to terrorism can be considered worthwhile if it produces a desirable outcome has long been a topic of impassioned debate, but it is terrorism nevertheless. On the other hand, the deaths of civilians in Gaza appear to be "collateral damage," a regrettable consequence of attacks against true military targets.

HARVEY WACHTEL, VIA EMAIL

Wednesday's answer

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Opinion

TOM FOREMAN

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT FOR CNN

Despite being hammered like a nail by the courts and critics lately, President Barack Obama was beaming the other day as he talked to a room full of reporters about a topic that was toxic not long ago.

"In my first term, if I had a press conference like this," he said with his eyes twinkling, "everyone would ask about the economy!"

He has a point. Unemployment has been creeping down. Job creation has become more common than job loss. And the most recent CNN/ORC International poll shows that the percentage of Americans who say the economy is good is moving up, from an anemic 29 percent last October to 41 percent now.

But that is where the good times come to an end. #schreechinghalt

The same poll shows 58 percent still think the overall condition of the economy is poor. The jobs that have come back in the Obama rebound are worth much less than the jobs that were lost in the Bush recession. Sure, for government purposes #ajobisajobisajob, but the middle manager who once made $90,000 a year knows that his new job for $40,000 is just not the same. His bank account knows it, as do the kids he's putting through college and the dog who has not had a new squeaky toy in three years. #yougetthepicture

In a popular Internet meme, people post complaints about all sorts of everyday annoyances: parking tickets, canceled TV shows and cold waffles and then add #thanksobama, as if the president is to blame. It's funny and unfair.

But perhaps it speaks to a fundamental belief among voters that disappointment is the new normal. I suspect the president is not being asked about the economy any more mainly because so many people think #whybother? The slog will continue, the middle class will struggle on and the president will keep pointing to the weak numbers, grinning and saying, "This shows you the power of persistence."

#yeahIguessso #butwedon'thavetolikeit #anditstillsucks

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Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Showcase your talents. You will move forward once others are aware of what you have to offer. Interact with people who can help you reach your objectives.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Consider the consequences of your possible actions and take the help that someone is offering you. There is only so much you can do on your own. Don't let stubbornness get in the way of success.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Rein in your emotions today. You will regret it if you act in haste. Staying calm and focused will help you avoid making careless or costly mistakes.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Sooner or later, you will have to face the music and deal with a troubling situation head-on. Gather pertinent information.

Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Spend your time wisely. Keeping busy will bring you rewards. By volunteering for a worthy cause, you will improve your community.

Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. This is not a choice time for a serious commitment. Do your research. Refrain from making important decisions until conditions are better and you are sure you can honor the position you take.

Aries | March 21-April 20. Love is in the stars for you. You are at your best when taking a leadership role. Someone with the potential to affect your plans will take an interest in your abilities.

Taurus | April 21-May 21. Go over your financial records carefully. If you have misestimated your budget, make adjustments quickly to avoid penalties on your reputation.

Gemini | May 22-June 20. Resist the urge to stretch the truth. It may be difficult at first, but you need to set the record straight before you are faced with an embarrassing consequence.

Cancer | June 21-July 22. Don't let your fears hold you back. You may suffer a small setback, but if you are persistent, you will succeed. Have faith in yourself.

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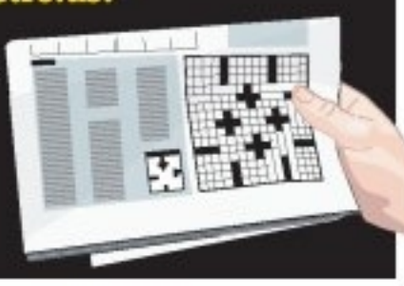

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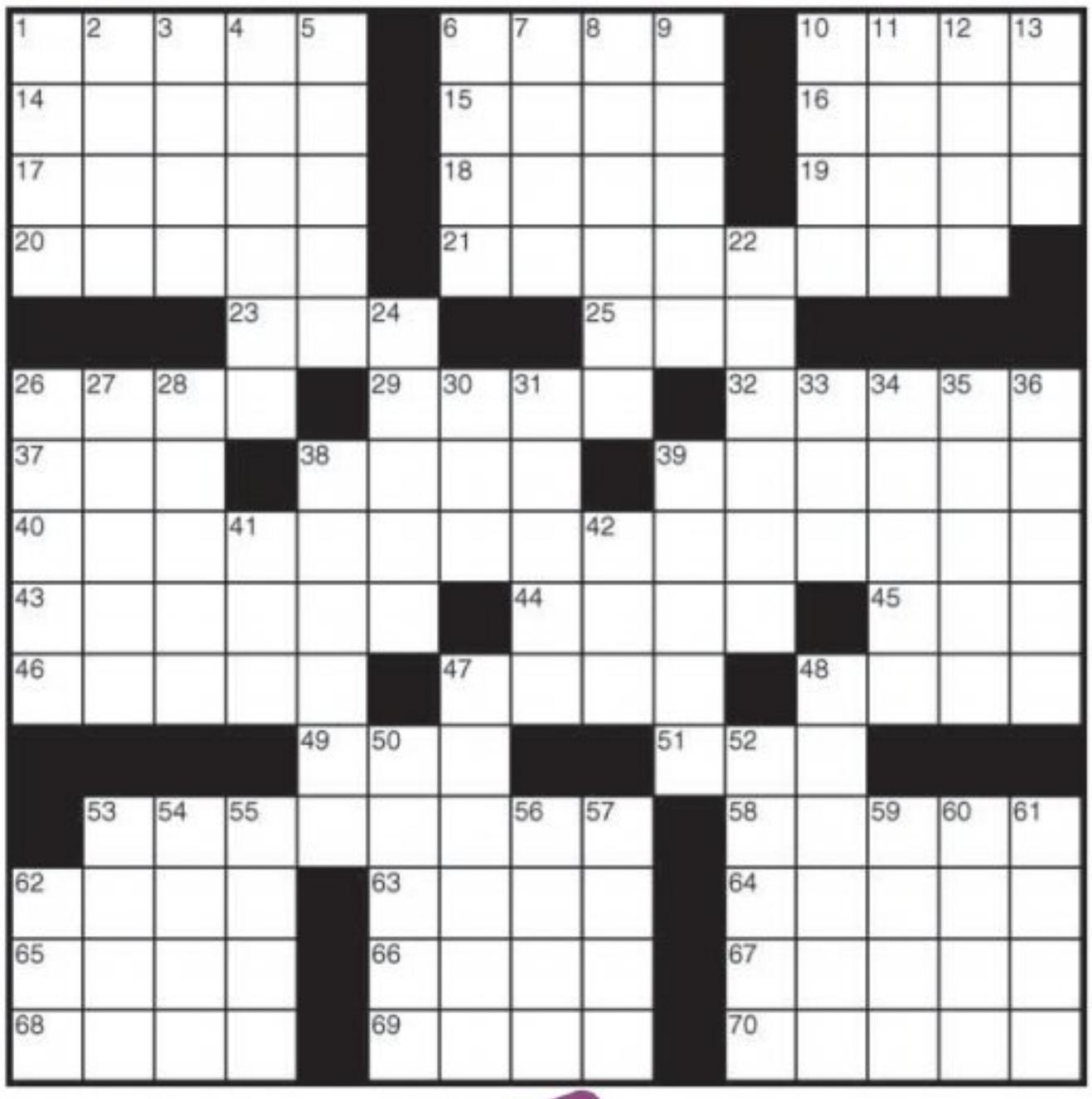

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Back in the game

McNabb to call games

Former Eagles' Pro Bowl quarterback Donovan McNabb will head to the booth this fall to call a handful of games for the Fox network. He will rotate with former NFL QB Brady Quinn and linebacker Kirk Morrison as color commentator alongside Dick Stockton (who will call play-by-play).

3 Things to watch for in Eagles-Bears game

NFL. The Eagles take the field against an opponent for the first time since January.

It's time to make some new memories.

Sure, we had some incredible moments last season, as the Eagles surprised everyone during Chip Kelly's rookie season as head coach. He led the team to an NFC East title, after all.

But the 2013-14 campaign had a bitter end against New Orleans, and the Eagles are eager to shake off the taste of failure.

There is a considerable amount of hype fueling this training camp, and the sooner the Birds can start confounding fans' (and pundits') expectations the better.

The result on the scoreboard of Friday night's contest matters very little. But the performance on the field matters a great deal. Here are three things to keep an eye on.

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Eagles new-look defense

The defense was its biggest weakness last year, but it's the area many think has been most improved in 2014.

With several new additions, as well as veterans returning a year smarter within Bill Davis' system, some questions are still prevalent.

Is Cary Williams a shutdown corner? Will Malcolm Jenkins become an answer at safety for the first time since Brian Dawkins? Can the pass rushers collect more sacks?

Will Cary Williams back up his big talk with big play this season? / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

The newest offensive weapons

Chip Kelly intends to get both the veterans and rookies some playing time in Friday's preseason opener.

"We're trying to get our starters or 1's somewhere between 10 to 15 snaps," Kelly said in a Wednesday news conference. "[It] just depends on how the game goes, and then we'll start to substitute after that."

This being said, look for first-year receivers Josh Huff and Jordan Matthews to get playing time after the Eagles' debut of Darren Sproles and the return of Jeremy Maclin in the first quarter.

JORDAN MATTHEWS HAS ALREADY IMPRESSED NEARLY EVERYONE IN EAGLES CAMP.

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Battle of the Trojans

After Nick Foles exits the game in Chicago after what Chip Kelly predicts will be 10-15 snaps, the battle to back him up begins.

Few will argue that Mark Sanchez has had the best camp, but Matt Barkley has had an extra year with Kelly's offensive scheme and is still a candidate to be the No. 2 when the season begins.

With the two quarterbacks, each former USC Trojans, likely to get the majority of the action during the Eagles' four preseason games, the competition for the backup role makes it interesting. It doesn't hurt that they will have Josh Huff, Jordan Matthews and company to throw to.

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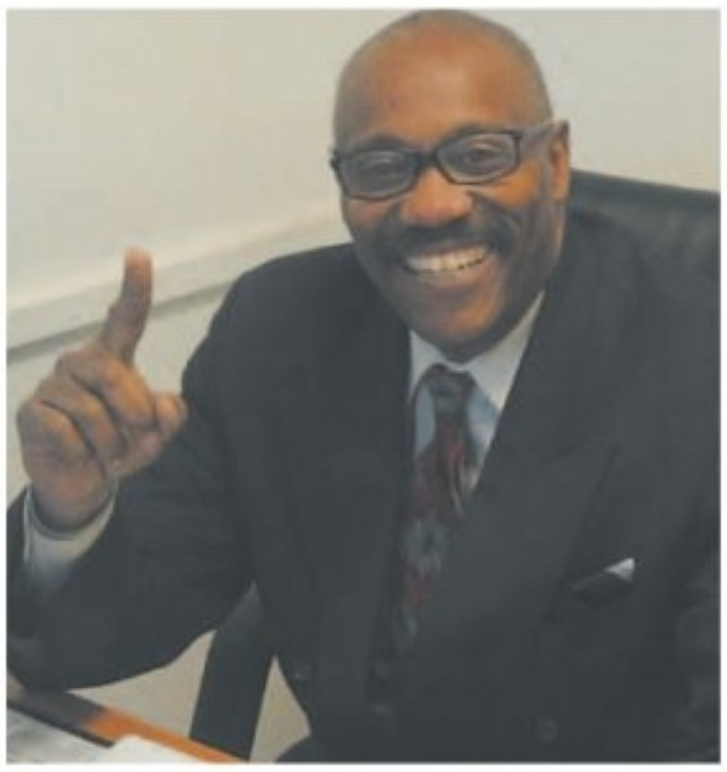

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2014 fantasy football draft rankings | by Matt Burke

No. 1

Adrian Peterson

No, this isn't 2010. And yes, most mocks have LeSean McCoy or Jamaal Charles going No. 1. But until we see significant decline in Peterson's skills we're not passing him up. McCoy and Charles have never put up the all-time back-to-back great years Peterson does routinely.

No. 2

Jamaal Charles

Charles recently said he wants to be the next Barry Sanders. Who are we to argue with him after back-to-back 1,200-plus yard seasons.

No. 3

LeSean McCoy

McCoy thrived under Chip Kelly last year, rushing for a career-high 1,607 yards. Can he get back to double-digit touchdowns?

No. 4

Matt Forte

Those complaining about "old man Peterson" going No. 1 forget Forte's eight months younger than the 29-year-old Vikings RB.

No. 5

Eddie Lacy

Peterson saw his yardage jump by 400 in his second season in the league. Lacy, now in his second year, is primed for more success.

No. 6

Calvin Johnson

Johnson is much like Peterson in that many fantasy players get bored with seeing these guys at the top. Don't fall into that trap.

No. 7

Arian Foster

Foster is a classic boom-or-bust pick here. Will he be rejuvenated by the presence of Bill O'Brien or will we see more decline?

No. 8

Jimmy Graham

Is he a wide receiver or a tight end? You shouldn't have to go to court on draft day to find the ruling that Graham is still elite.

No. 9

Peyton Manning

The loss of Eric Decker will hurt the Denver offense ... some. Remember that Emmanuel Sanders is now a Manning target.

No. 10

Montee Ball

The running back is having his appendix taken out but will be good to go for Week 1. No more Knowshon Moreno in the way.

No. 11

Marshawn Lynch

Lynch has three straight 1,200-yard rushing seasons to his name. He's something of a sure bet, despite his hatred for OTAs.

No. 12

DeMaryius Thomas

Thomas had back-to-back 100-yard receiving days to close out the 2013 regular season, undoubtedly helping lucky owners win playoff games.

No. 13

Aaron Rodgers

Will Eddie Lacy's increased carry load hurt Rodgers' stats? Highly unlikely. Bank on another 4,000 yards and 35 touchdowns.

No. 14

Alfred Morris

Chip Kelly won't agree with this sentiment, but DeSean Jackson's presence outside could actually help open things up for Morris in the running game.

No. 15

Giovani Bernard

It's hard to believe in Bengals management given the recent Andy Dalton contract news. But they do seem determined to give Bernard more touches.

No. 16

DeMarco Murray

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NFL. Cooper will sit out Bears game, no decision on Maclin

Cooper is nursing a minor foot injury. / GETTY IMAGES

While preseason football is important for both rookies and veterans to get back in the swing of a full-speed, full-contact game, the Eagles don't want to put any of their key players at risk against the Bears Friday night.

Which is why Riley Cooper will remain sidelined during the action, as well as cornerback Nolan Carroll. Neither is out with a serious injury, but this early in the football year, it's better to be careful.

"He's got a foot, and it's a day-to-day thing," Eagles head coach Chip Kelly said of Cooper, "and we'll see how he feels."

Jeremy Maclin, who is under intense pressure to pick up the slack for departed ace wide receiver DeSean Jackson also has a minor injury, but he still could see some game action.

In his press conference Wednesday, Kelly seemed particularly anxious to get his first real look at Maclin, who missed the entire 2013 season.

"He catches the ball really well," Kelly said, "and I anticipate, but I haven't seen it, but you've seen it before with him on film, is that he's really good with the ball in his hands after the catch and see if you can put him in some situations where he can catch and run. [I'm] just happy to see him get back out there full and ready to run." **EVAN MACY**

Back on the field

Chip Kelly contends it isn't just the Eagles' highly hyped rookies he is excited to see in preseason action.

- "I think you want to see everybody. You want to be able to evaluate them. We haven't played a game since the beginning of January last year against the Saints, so get out there against a different color jersey and find out what we've got. There's a certain amount of work I think everybody that's healthy needs to get in, and then we'll move on from there. There's a lot of things that we all need exposure to."

Tiger keeps swinging

Woods will play in PGA Championship

Tiger Woods withdrew from last week's Bridgestone Invitational, and it was ugly. He had trouble walking with an ailing back, and his status for the PGA Championship, which begins Thursday at Valhalla Golf Club, looked grim.

But the 14-time major champion will seek his 15th title Thursday, alongside Phil Mickelson and Padraig Harrington at 8:35 a.m.

Aside from the star-tudded Mickelson-Woods group, British Open champion Rory McIlroy will tee off at 1:45 p.m. with Masters champion Bubba Watson and U.S. Open winner Martin Kaymer. **METRO**

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NFL news

Montee Ball's appendectomy will drop him to the second or third rounds, where he actually belongs.

When hunting for a rookie set to make a fantasy splash, fit is almost as important as talent. For example: We may think Sammy Watkins is the best prospect in this year's receiver class, but he's in a run-first scheme with E.J. Manuel as his quarterback. He's just not in the right spot to produce even at a WR3 level for us. Some of this is starting to come to light as we head into training camp's third week.

What's cooking?

The unquestioned star of Saints camp has been first-round receiver Brandin Cooks. The undersized yet lightning fast Oregon State product has hit the ground running in one of the game's premier passing offenses. As a versatile chess piece for mastermind Sean Payton and pinpoint thrower Drew Brees, Cooks is in an ideal spot to rack up 70-plus catches.

Cooks could become a favorite target for Drew Brees. GETTY IMAGES

Forget about 'Dre

Overreacting to one preseason game is usually bad form, but we got a window in Andre Williams during the Hall of Fame game. The reigning Doak Walker Award winner mixed in with the first-stringers, showed more burst/power than 29-year-old Rashad Jennings and got the goal-line work. Williams is a complete zero in the passing game, but the Giants clearly see an early down time-share here.

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Del Zotto eager for 'second chance'

NHL. Young but talented Michael Del Zotto has big shoes to fill in Kimmo Timonen's absence.

The Flyers need consistency on their defensive front. But their newest acquisition, Michael Del Zotto, has alternated between fantastic and lackluster seasons with the Rangers and Predators to start his career.

Back on the East Coast with the Flyers, the 24-year-old knows this could be his last chance to break through as a reliable option on the blue line.

"Without making the playoffs, it's been a long summer, something new for me," Del Zotto said. "I took two weeks off and began training right away. Last season didn't go as well as I would have liked or planned it to be. It's been a humbling season. This offseason has been the most motivated I've ever been to get back and prove everyone wrong and that I can get back and be what I was before."

Del Zotto scored 41 points for New York three seasons ago. / GETTY IMAGES

Craig Berube projects that Del Zotto could be linemates with Luke Schenn, a player Del Zotto has some familiarity with.

"I know quite a bit about him, watching him," Del Zotto said. "He plays the game very, very hard and the right way. Again, I think we complement each other very well with two different styles of play."

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